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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, CB

SUBJECT: NATO POLADS DISCUSSION OF KHMER ISSUE AT FORTHCOMING UNGA

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE MADE STRONG PRESENTATION TO NATO POLADS SEPTEMBER 9 OF U.S. POSITION ON KHMER QUESTION, EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO ISSUE. NOTING THAT WE EXPECT OUTCOME TO BE CLOSE, HE URGED THAT ALL "NATO FRIENDS" LEND THEIR STRONG SUPPORT. A NUMBER OF ALLIED REPS EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT A PRO-GKR INITIATIVE NECESSARY AND URGED THAT SUCH A RESOLUTION BE TABLED QUICKLY, BECAUSE TIME WAS GROWING SHORT TO BUILD UP SUPPORT FOR LON NOL GOVERNMENT IN UNGA. BLAKE SAID WE EXPECT SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO GKR TO PRESENT DRAFT RESOLUTION TO UNGA SHORTLY, ADDING THAT, FOR TACTICAL REASONS, U.S. PREFERS SOUTHEAST ASIAN  
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DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS TAKE INITIATIVE.

2. IN ANSWER TO ITALIAN REP'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER USG HAD ENVISAGED SOLUTION INVOLVING VACANT KHMER SEAT FOR CURRENT

UNGA, BLAKE REPLIED WE WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE SUCH A MOVE AS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. FRG REP LATER TOLD BLAKE IN PRIVATE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD STUDIED VACANT SEAT OPTION, BUT HAD DISCARDED IT FOLLOWING STRONG DEMARCHE BY AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND IN BONN.

3. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION FROM BELGIAN REP, BLAKE SAID THAT U.S. WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT TURNING KHMER ISSUE INTO AN IMPORTANT QUESTION WOULD BE USEFUL TACTIC, BUT U.S. WOULD TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THIS POSSIBILITY.

4. DUTCH, TURKISH, FRG AND UK REPS SAID THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD SUPPORT LON NOL GOVERNMENT POSITION IN UNGA. FRENCH REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD STUDY SITUATION ON BASIS NEW INFO GIVEN BY BLAKE, BUT IMPLIED THAT FRANCE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO ABSTAIN AS IT DID LAST YEAR. NORWEGIAN REP TOOK SIMILAR POSITION. CANADIAN REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT U.S. POSITION BUT DID NOT WANT TO BE TOO PROMINENT ON THIS QUESTION.  
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